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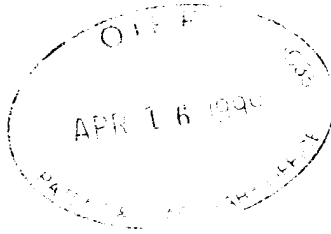
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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Documents A1-A10 are described in the present specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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